

**MINUTES**  
**Dentist/Dental Hygienists Licensing Board**  
July 22, 2005  
Room 4A and 428  
160 E 300 S Heber Wells Bldg  
Salt Lake City Utah

**Convened:** 8:16 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 12:49 p.m.

**Division Staff Present:**

Division Director  
Bureau Manager  
Board Secretary

J. Craig Jackson  
Daniel T. Jones  
Lee Avery

**Members Present:**

Brian Lundberg, DDS, Chairperson  
Alexander Larsen, DDS  
Karen Bateman, RDH  
James Ence, DDS  
Anna Policelli RDH  
Joseph Mirci, DDS  
Stephen S. Morgan, DDS

**Members Excused:**

Sue Vicchilli (resigned)  
Brent Larson, DDS

**Guests Present:**

Karol Aldrich, UDHA  
Jolene VanBibber, UDAA

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

Minutes

**DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

The minutes for May 20, 2005 were reviewed.  
Ms. Bateman motioned to accept the minutes with  
corrections, seconded by Dr. Ence.  
The motion carried unanimously.

The Board moved to its respective  
Probation Peer Committee groups.

**Appointments:**

**Group I**

Ms. Anna Policelli  
Dr. Joe Mirci  
Dr. Brent Long  
Dr. James Ence

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**Appointments:**

Mr. S. Brad Carroll, RDH - Probation  
Interview

Mr. Carroll presented himself to the Board. Ms. Policelli conducted the interview. Mr. Carroll stated his family is struggling financially, but otherwise doing ok. Mr. Carroll stated he works every other Wednesday for Dr. Armstrong in Kanab and he does not do any of the billing, this is handled under the supervision of the Dr. Armstrong. Mr. Carroll stated he is looking for more hours and a more permanent position. Mr. Carroll advised the Board he has looked at Dental Hygiene positions in Arizona but his preference is to stay in Utah. The Board briefly discussed the steps for changing probation licenses from one state to another. Mr. Carroll stated he is keeping up with his continuing education by going to the website and attending the dental convention meetings, however, he does need to re-certify his CPR.

Mr. Carroll stated he does not even think about going to inappropriate websites anymore, his wife monitors the personal computer (PC) access. Mr. Carroll states he is on probation with Medicaid and Medicare for five (5) years.

The Board asked Mr. Carroll to bring in his continuing education, including dates, places and types of courses and practice plan. The Board asked to see Mr. Carroll in November 2005. **In Compliance**

Rodney Slater, DDS – Probation Interview

Dr. Slater presented himself to the Board. Dr. Mirci conducted the interview. The Board reviewed Dr. Slater's employers report. Dr. Slater advised the Board he is still having problems with the Arizona Dental Board. He has tried to contact the Physicians on the list they gave him, however, these Physicians state they are either not available or they quote an exorbitant amount of money for their services. The Board suggested Dr. Slater send a typed certified letter to the Arizona Board, advising them he has contacted the Physicians on their list and its results. Advise them he has done everything he can meet their requirements.

See if they would let him meet with a Physician in Utah, who was approved by the Utah Board. The Board encouraged Dr. Slater to do this as soon as possible to get on their next agenda.

The Board advised Dr. Slater it has established a policy for probationers to clear up problems with their licenses in other states before it would give them a non-probation license. Dr. Slater stated he is currently working with Dr. Kenneth Molen and teaching at Salt Lake Community College one day a week. Dr. Slater stated he will be teaching at the dental hygiene school as this is closer to home and a better opportunity for him. The Board reviewed with Dr. Slater how to keep his continuing education hours more organized, making an outline, tracking the dates, courses, hours and sponsors. Dr. Mirci volunteered to help Dr. Slater develop a tracking program. Dr. Slater stated he would contact Dr. Mirci. The Board discussed its concern with Dr. Slater missing two (2) urine analysis (UA's). Dr. Slater stated he is having problems getting in to do the UA's when asked. He has been going in the next day because the drugs stay in your system for thirty (30) days and he felt this would be ok. The Board advised him, he needs to go in when his number is called. The Board expressed its concern with Dr. Slater also showing two (2) diluted UA's. Dr. Slater stated he has had UA's done by his private physician and these have come back negative. The Board asked Dr. Slater to submit these reports. The Board and Dr. Slater discussed this in detail, the Board advised Dr. Slater he is not in compliance at this time.

The Board asked Dr. Slater to update his practice plan. The Board asked to see Dr. Slater in October 2005.

#### **Not in Compliance**

Rod Gardner, DDS - Probation Interview

Dr. Rod Gardner presented himself to the Board. Dr. Ence conducting the interview. Dr. Gardner advised the Board things were going ok. He works three and one half (3 ½) days a week and is still running the substance abuse meetings at night. On Monday and Friday he attends Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings.

The meeting he always attends on Wednesday is the LDS Substance Abuse. Dr. Gardner stated his personal life is doing ok. He works 8:00am to 6:00pm on Monday and Wednesday and 8:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday. The clinic is keeping him very busy. Dr. Gardner stated he has completed a lot of his continuing education. The Board would like Dr. Gardner to bring in his continuing education at his next meeting. The Board asked to see Dr. Gardner in October 2005. **In Compliance**

John Israelsen, DDS - Probation Interview

Dr. Israelsen presented himself to the Board. Dr. Mirci conducted the interview. Dr. Israelsen stated he is staying busy at work. He works at the Cache Valley Community Health Clinic once a month. Dr. Israelsen stated his supervising dentist is Doctor Bins and he meets with him every day. He meets with Dr. Heinz once every six (6) weeks. Dr. Israelsen submitted his meeting cards for the Boards review. He attends the meetings once a week. He attends Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and once a month at Bridgerland study group. Dr. Israelsen stated he is keeping up with his continuing education (CE). The Board asked Dr. Israelsen to submit a copy of the court probation termination information. The Board asked to see Dr. Israelsen in November 2005. **In Compliance.**

John Day, DDS - Probation Interview

John day presented himself to the Board. Ms. Policelli conducted the interview. Dr. Day gave the Board charts for its review. The Board reviewed the charts, noting Dr. Day did not bring in text notes or the day sheet. The Board advised Dr. Day it wants to see complete charts including treatment notes, treatment agenda, post operative x-rays where needed, root canals at his next meeting with it. Dr. Day stated he is current with his continuing education (CE's). The Board asked to see Dr. Day and his supervisor in October 2005. **Not In Compliance.**

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**Group II**

Ms. Karen Bateman,  
Dr. Stephen Morgan  
Dr. Alex Larson  
Dr. Brian Lundberg

David Castleton, RDH - Probation  
Interview

Mr. Castleton presented himself to the Board. Dr. Lundberg conducted the interview. Mr. Castleton advised the Board he is doing well. He is attending Domestic Violence counseling and alcohol meetings as requested. Mr. Castleton advised the Board he is working four (4) days a week. The Board asked Mr. Castleton to bring in documentation of his Dental Continuing Education. The Board asked to see Mr. Castleton in November 2005. **In Compliance.**

Peter Eldridge, DDS - Probation Interview

Dr. Eldridge presented himself to the Board. Dr. Lundberg conducted the interview. The Board expressed its concerns regarding Dr. Eldridge missing a drug test. Dr. Eldridge brought in a written excuse. Dr. Eldridge is still working in Wendover and two (2) days in Salt Lake. Dr. Eldridge requested the Board give him ability to prescribe some scheduled drugs. The Committee will review this with the full Board for a class IV to establish a track record before he is off probation. The Board asked Dr. Eldridge to bring in his charts when he meets with it in January 2006. **In Compliance.**

Mark Nichols, DDS - Probation Interview

Dr. Nichols presented himself to the Board. Dr. Morgan conducted the interview. Dr. Nichols advised the Board he is doing very well. He has good family support and his diabetes is under control. Dr. Nichols submitted his meeting cards. He is attending Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Professionals in Recovery (PIR) meetings. Dr. Nichols stated he is completing his continuing education (CE) on schedule. The Board asked to see Dr. Nichols in January 2006. **In Compliance.**

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Kenneth Palmer, DDS - Probation  
Interview

Dr. Palmer presented himself to the Board. Ms. Bateman conducted the interview. Dr. Palmer advised the Board he has his Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license and gave the Board a copy of the stipulation. Dr. Palmer gave the Board his meeting cards. He continues to attend Professionals in Recovery (PIR) twice a month and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in Salt Lake. The Board asked Dr. Palmer to bring in his drug logs and example of chart notations for prescriptions. The Board asked to see Dr. Palmer in November 2005. **In Compliance.**

Robert Yates, DDS - Probation Interview

Dr. Robert Yates presented himself to the Board. Dr. Alex Larsen conducted the interview. Dr. Yates expressed frustration that his probation is inhibiting his ability to participate in some insurance plans and this is costing him patients. Dr. Yates feels his probation is too harsh and should be reduced. The Board advised Dr. Yates most probations are for five (5) years, his is for two (2) years. Dr. Yates gave the Board documentation showing he passed the current the Dentist/Dental Hygienist Law and Rule exam and the Controlled Substance Prescribing course approved by the Board. The Board asked to see Dr. Yates in January 2006. **In Compliance.**

Kathleen McCombs, DSS - Probation  
Interview

Dr. Kathleen McCombs presented herself to the Board. Dr. Mirci conducted the interview. Dr. McCombs gave the Board copies of her continuing education (CE's) going back to 1969. Dr. McCombs advised the Board she has submitted paperwork requesting to have her criminal charges expunged. Dr. McCombs stated she left her attendance cards at home, she has been attending meetings weekly, sometimes twice a week. The Board noted all drug screens have been completed and are clear.

The Board briefly talked with Dr. McCombs about the news article and the time she is donating at Donated Dental. The Board discussed Dr. McCombs probation and questioned the dates Dr. McCombs was not working. Mr. Jones will search these dates and get back to the Board. The Board asked to see Dr. McCombs at its next meeting. **In Compliance**

Karol Aldrich, UDAH – Central Dental Schools

Karol Aldrich, Utah Dental Hygienist Association presented her self to the Board. Ms. Aldrich advised the Board of her experiences from a training trip from Honduras, Mexico and their standards of care. Ms. Aldrich noted practioners open a practice without completing a dental program. Some students were working without supervision and others had to be told which end of the instrument to use. The Board discussed Ms. Aldrich's experience in detail, noting the statutes require all foreign trained dentists obtain an evaluation through International Credentialing Agency (ICA). **The Board took no action.**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

National Exam update – Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board there is a movement in American Dental Association to do away with clinical testing. The ADA is in favor of two (2) national exams. The Board discussed this in detail. **The Board took no action.**

Dental Rule, update – Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the Dental Rule Changes are still being worked on and should be finished for a rule hearing soon

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ADA Convention – Dr. Joe Mirci

Dr. Mirci advised the Board he is the Exam Representative for the Western Regional Board Exam (WREB). Dr. Mirci gave the Board a hand out for its review. The Board discussed this in detail. **The Board took no action.**

Next Meeting August 19, 2005,

Next Board Meeting:

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Date Approved

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Chairperson, Dentist & Dental Hygienist Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing